

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after state and local officials announced historically low 2012 crime statistics for Prince George's County:

“Thanks to the coordinated efforts of federal, state, and local partners, Prince George's County has seen a historic reduction in crime rates over this past year. With a 7.1% decrease in overall crime, a 35% reduction in homicides, and 2,240 fewer victims of crimes compared to 2011, Prince George's County residents are benefitting from safer and stronger neighborhoods. These historically-low crime statistics are a result of the Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative, a comprehensive approach to bring down crime rates by coordinating social services, anti-crime programs, and job opportunities in Prince George's County. I am also pleased that federal investments I helped secure to launch a Joint County Gang Initiative in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties are enhancing regional efforts to combat gang activity and violence in our communities.

“I'd like to thank Governor Martin O'Malley, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, Prince George's County Police Department Chief Mark Magaw, State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks, and Sheriff Melvin High for their commitment to public safety, in addition to the brave men and women of the Prince George's County Police Department for keeping our neighborhoods safe.

“There is still more work to be done to eliminate crime and violence on our streets and in our homes, and I am committed to working with all stakeholders to continue this progress.”